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SUBJ: ANDEAN PACT: COLOMBIAN ATTITUDE

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO IS ON FRONT PAGES OF
TODAY'S PRESS WITH STATEMENT THAT COLOMBIA "WILL NOT
PERMIT ITSELF TO BE PRESSURED" INTO SECTORAL AGREEMENTS.
RATHER GOC WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER EACH STEP BEFORE
MAKING DECISIONS ON SECTORAL PROGRAMS, WHICH ONCE
AGREED UPON ARE IRREVERSIBLE. COLOMBIA, HE SAID, HAS BEEN
LEADER AND DEFENDER OF ANDEAN PACT WITHOUT SEEKING ANY
PRIVILEGES.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER MADE HIS REMARKS WHILE OPENING
ANNUAL METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY CONVENTION. INDUSTRY
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT TOOK ADVANTAGE OF OCCASION TO
SUGGEST THAT ANDEAN PACT IS TOO RIGID AND ITS BASES
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SHOULD BE RECONSIDER IN LIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL

ECONOMIC CHANGES SINCE ITS INCEPTION, PARTICULARLY IN ENERGY. INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION RELEASE ALSO CRICITIZES LACK OF IMPLEMENTATION OF METAL WORKING SECTORAL PROGRAM, THE ONLY SECTORAL AGREEMENT TO DATE.

3. LEAD STORY IN COUNTRY'S LEADING NEWSPAPER, EL TIEMPO, ASSERTS THAT COLOMBIA ALONE AMONG THE SIX IS STEADFAST IN SUPPORT OF DECISION 24. EVEN SO, ARTICLE SAYS, SUGGESTED CHANGES IN FOREIGN INVESTMENT CODE HAVE CREATED NEW CLIMATE OF UNCERTAINTY OVER FUTURE OF ANDEAN PACT. REPORTEDLY COMMISSION PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ SAID IN SANTIAGO EARLY THIS WEEK THAT DECISION 24 NEEDS TO BE REFORMED, AND ANDEAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE MEETING ALSO IN SANTIAGO PROPOSED SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE CODE. GUTIERREZ IS DUE IN BOGOTA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOC, ACCORDING TO REPORT, BUT THERE IS NO MENTION OF POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF JUNE 23 MEETING.

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